

Town of Natick
Natick Town Hall
Board of Health Meeting

January 7, 2020

Minutes

Present: Ian L. Wong, MSPH, Chairman
Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Vice Chairman
Donald J. Breda, PE, Clerk
James M. White, Jr., RS/REHS, Director of Public Health

Also Present: Jean M. Cotter, Secretary to the Board of Health

1. The meeting was called to order
2. Citizens' Concerns: Limit 15 Minutes none
3. Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Coordinator, Net Zero Planning Process Presentation

Also presenting with Ms. Wilson-Martin is Mr. David Mogolov who represents the Sustainability Committee for this project.

Ms. Wilson-Martin and Mr. Mogolov told the Board that they already presented to the Select Board and are now presenting to other town committees and boards and hoping to engage into a town wide planning process for mitigation of potential problems.

They then presented their Net Zero Planning Process to the Board. The process includes obtaining feedback from residents using various outreach strategies, among them, community wide surveys and focus groups. It is hoped they will have a presentation for Town Meeting in the fall. The Select Board is going to provide a liaison to the process and they hope the Board of Health also will.

They are of the opinion that there is a close connection with the Board of Health and they are hoping the Board of Health will provide input. They cited the specific example of climate change being a public health crisis because a warmer climate affects vector borne diseases.

There was a discussion and other examples such as increased traffic and extreme weather and other environmental issues that affect public health were mentioned.

4. Dylan & Josh Pelz, Gatehouse Kitchen, 6 Mercer Road

Mr. White gave a synopsis of the application and proposal which will require twenty-eight (28) individual food licenses working out of the same location.

Dylan Pelz and Josh Pelz introduced themselves to the Board and gave a description of the business. They told the Board there will be twenty-eight (28) apartment style kitchens each with an individual annual lease. There will be an on-site manager responsible for the cleanliness of common areas and pest control. They described their applicants as mostly people who have already been in the cooking profession and subleasing will not be allowed.

A discussion followed about cross contamination, cleanliness, compliance and other food safety and security concerns.

Mr. White said each individual applicant must fully satisfy all the necessary requirements to be approved for a food establishment permit.

The Board expressed concern that this represents another significant increase in responsibilities for the Health Department.

5. Luakini ma'o Heublein, LMT: Variance Request to Practice Bodyworks in the Town of Natick

Mr. White introduced Ms. Heublein and told the Board that she meets all the qualifications to be a bodywork therapist. The applications and supporting documents were presented to the Board.

Ms. Heublein explained her education, qualifications and experience as a long-time massage therapist in the Town of Natick.

The Board members, Mr. White and Ms. Heublein had a discussion about her current practice in massage therapy and how bodywork techniques can also be beneficial.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to approve Ms. Heublein's application to be permitted as a Bodywork Therapist at Free Flowing Bodywork at 4 Pleasant St.

Mr. Wong seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to approve, subject to a satisfactory inspection of the premises, the application for a Bodywork Establishment permit for Free Flowing Bodywork located at 4 Pleasant St. and to grant a variance to waive the annual establishment fee of \$200.00.

Mr. Breda seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Andre Velez: Application to Operate a Body Art Establishment and as a Body Art Practitioner at Sola Salons, 1400 Worcester Street, Natick

Mr. White told the Board this is the first application for Body Art that Natick has received. He said that Mr. Michael Boudreau, Senior Environmental Health Specialist, has been working with Mr. Velez. The applications and supporting documents were presented to the Board.

Mr. Velez introduced himself to the Board. He told the Board he has over ten years' experience and that he only does tattoo work and does not perform any other body art work, such as piercing.

There was a discussion about the logistics of working within Sola Salon with other vendors and businesses in the building.

Mr. Velez said he works by appointment only and does accept walk in customers.

The discussion continued with the Board asking questions about tools, sterilization, universal precautions, security and disposal of supplies.

Mr. Velez said all the materials he uses are single use only, disposable, pre-sterilized and prepackaged. He said he has a secure container for used sharps and has a contract for proper disposal.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to approve, subject to a satisfactory inspection of the premises, a Body Art Establishment permit for Andre Chekov Art and a Body Art Practitioner permit for Andres Velez.

Mr. Breda seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Louis Franchi, Franchi Management Co., Inc.: Board of Health Variance to Install a Replacement Electric Stove for Limited Use in a Commercial Location; 24 Superior Drive, Natick

A letter from Mr. Franchi was presented to the Board. The letter requests a variance from the requirement of a commercial grade stove in an office building kitchen cafeteria.

There was a discussion about commercial code requirements; what equipment is currently in the space; and what food is being prepared.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to deny the variance request and that the replacement stove must be of commercial grade that meets the current food code and the non-commercial stove must be removed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Breda.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Palmer Estate, Dorsett Lane: Request for Release of Board of Health Surety Bond for 5 Dorsett Lane

Mr. White described the construction project and the drainage for which a \$2,500.00 performance bond was specified. He said the house has been complete for a year and one half and that there has not been any issue with the drainage to this date.

Mr. Breda made a motion to release the \$2,500.00 bond held on 5 Dorsett Lane,
Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

9. Public Health Director Reports:

a. Update: East Park

Regarding the discovery of PCBs adjacent to East Park, the Town has hired Mr. Jonathan Kitchen, a Licensed Site Professional (LSP), to conduct testing and be a liaison between the Town and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Multiple tests were conducted at the site and at East Park. The results show that the only area of imminent danger is abutting the Speedway and the Car Rental properties on Worcester Street (Route 9). This location is the sloped area behind the ball field backstop. That area is now fenced off and closed to the public.

The play structures, court and multi-purpose areas of East Park may be used. The ball field is currently closed because the newly planted sod needs time to take root.

Jessica Cliff, Natick Health Department Sanitarian, conducted historical research in an effort to determine why PCBs could be in the area. It appears that the answer may go back to when Route 9 was originally built.

There will be a community forum at the East School on Monday, January 13, 2020 to provide a status update. Mr. Kitchen, Mr. White and Ms. Cliff will be at the forum.

b. Annual Report for 2019

Mr. White presented a draft of the report and asked that Board members send comments to him. The report is due on January 15, 2020.

c. MetroWest Regional Opioid Coalition: Regional Response, January 31, 2020
MetroWest Hospital Natick Campus, Helm Auditorium 7:30 – 9:30 AM

Mr. White invited the Board members to attend. He said Senator Spilka and Representative Linsky will be in attendance. The Natick Health Department will be represented by Mr. White, Ms. Cliff, Ms. Catherine Sugarman, Prevention and Outreach Program Manager and Ms. Nina Levine, Prevention and Outreach Project Coordinator.

10. Board Concerns

Influenza activity appears not much different than at this time last year with exception that Type B seems to be more prevalent than Type A. The majority of cases are between the age of 0 and age 18 years.

Members of the Board remarked that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) should be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Breda seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Breda, PE, Clerk

Documents at this meeting:
Net Zero Planning Process
Letter Mr. Franchi
Documents for Ms. Heublein
Documents for Mr. Velez
Draft 2019 Annual Report